

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

21. (currently amended) A picture decoding apparatus comprising:  
a decoding means for decoding a plurality of coded signals and outputting respective decoded signals;  
a storage means for storing said decoded signals; and  
~~a select~~ selecting means for selecting a decoded signal corresponding to a coded signal which is in the decoding process of said decoding means;  
wherein said decoding means decodes each of said coded signals according to the respective decoded signal selected by said ~~select~~ selecting means.

22. (previously presented) A picture decoding apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said decoding means decodes said coded signals according to time division multiplexing.

23. (currently amended) A picture decoding apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said decoding means decodes said coded ~~signal~~ signals by motion compensating and predicting according to said decoded signal.

24. (currently amended) A picture decoding apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said decoding means inputs video signals which are coded in MPEG-1/-2/-4 and decodes said video signals according to a corresponding decoding procedure.

25. (previously presented) A picture decoding method comprising the steps of:  
decoding a plurality of coded signals and outputting respective decoded signals;  
storing said decoded signals; and  
selecting a decoded signal corresponding to a coded signal which is in the  
decoding process;  
wherein each of said coded signals is decoded according to the respective decoded  
signal selected in said selecting step.